

This Week's News

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 1st, 2026

IRTS QSL Outwards Manager

We are seeking a new IRTS QSL Outwards Manager. If interested in taking over this role or to learn more about what's involved, please contact the IRTS secretary via email to [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie)

IRTS AGM Weekend Gala Dinner

Tickets are available for the IRTS Gala Dinner on April 18th from the hosting club which is Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club. Those interested in securing tickets should send their details to the club treasurer using the email address [irtsgaladinner.2026 /at/ gmail.com](mailto:irtsgaladinner.2026@gmail.com) The full line up of events for the AGM weekend may be found on the club's website limerickclareamateurradioclub.ie

IRTS Social Media Presence

IRTS is joining a growing global movement to bring the spirit of amateur radio to new audiences through social media. We're at the early stage of improving our social media presence, and we'd love your help in sharing what makes our hobby special. Whether it's photos or short videos from your club events, portable activations, station setups, rare QSOs, every contribution helps showcase amateur radio in Ireland. If you or your club don't have a social media presence of your own, this is a great opportunity to get involved! All submissions will be properly credited and shared with you for review before posting. Please reach out to the IRTS PRO Howard EI9LC via email to [irts_pro /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_pro@irts.ie)

EIOMAR is Back on Air

EIOMAR, the amateur radio station at the Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio in Howth is back on the air after recent storms destroyed the HF antenna. They are grateful to Mike Keane, EI4DF for his kind donation of a vertical HF antenna to the station. Last Thursday, Tony EI5EM and SWL Reg Shannon installed the new antenna on the roof of the Martello Tower. The weather even smiled on them when the rain stopped for a few hours during the installation. The club is now looking forward to the annual International Marconi Day event in April. Watch this space for more details.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

Following the EI2WRC 2026 AGM held on Monday, February 23rd, 2026, the following people were deemed elected to the EI2WRC committee for 2026/2027. These are Chairman Pat Dwyer EI7IUB, Vice Chairman Egidio Giani EI9EQ, Secretary Mark Kilmartin EI4FNB, Treasurer Ralph Musto EI2KU, Public Relations Officer Seany Byrne EI2HZZ, Club Officer 1 Andy Green EI3HG, Club Officer 2 Edwin Van Mierlo EI2HEB, and Club Officer 3 Steve Kelly EI2JLB. A full report of the 2026 AGM can be viewed on the latest club news page on searg.ie For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Update from Shannon Basin Radio Club

Shannon Basin Radio club has organised a Parks on the Air (POTA) activity. This will take place on Saturday March 21st from 09:00UTC to 12:00UTC. The club is fortunate to have several registered parks close by. Currently, ten club members will be heading off in small teams of two or three to activate parks across the midlands. Support is most welcomed from radio operators to work the stations and SWLs to log stations received. Afterwards, they plan to meet up in person for a well-deserved cuppa, a chat, share experiences, and compare setups. The real purpose of the event is to have fun, learn about POTA, and compare field/potable setups in addition to generating on air activity. There should be good fun to be had for anyone listening in on the EI2SBR repeater and indeed anyone interested in chasing POTA that morning. More details will unfold as the event approaches the event via the club website sbrc.ie and their social media channels.

VHF/Microwave News

The latest VHF+ Newsletter is available on the IARU Region 1 website. The IARU VHF+ Committee would like to inform operators about a new revision of the VHF Handbook. Specifically, the contesting section has been updated and a rule on self-spotting has been added. You can find Version 10.03 of the VHF Handbook at iaru-r1.org/reference/handbooks

AMSAT has announced a Student on the Air Days activity. The rules are simple: licenced students are encouraged to get on the air on the first and second Tuesdays of the month, as satellite passes and schedules allow. Student to student contacts are especially welcomed, however all licenced users are welcome to join in the fun on all amateur satellites. For further information, monitor the various AMSAT media accounts on Facebook and X for timely updates and announcements. Reports of activities and contacts can be emailed to Carsten, KQ4SJM whose email address can be found on QRZ.

Tribute to the Father of FM Radio

A unique tribute to one of radio's greatest inventors is making waves in the Irish Ham community this week. Giorgio Bardelli, callsign EI8IHB, has announced the creation of a "sonic archive" dedicated to Major Edwin Howard Armstrong, the father of FM radio. The centerpiece of the project is a track titled "Edwin's Requiem (River House)". More than just a song, the piece is a lyrical history of the "Radio Wars," meticulously documenting Armstrong's life and his technical battles. Listeners will find specific references to the 1935 IRE demonstration and the 1945 FCC frequency shift. This move to the 88 to 108 MHz band famously rendered the major's original equipment obsolete. The track will hit streaming platforms on March 16th, 2026.

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Rally

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual rally at the Share Discovery Village, 221 Lisnaskea Road, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh, post code BT92 0JZ, on Sunday, the 17th of May. The doors open at 11 a.m., the entry fee is 5 pounds sterling or 5 euro. There will be various trade stands for equipment and components. To book your space, please contact Alan at argault91/at/gmail.com

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community

about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email the radio news editor Keith EI5IN via email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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